



Out of Sight Pt. 1 [audio]

Does LCSO Protect Misconduct?

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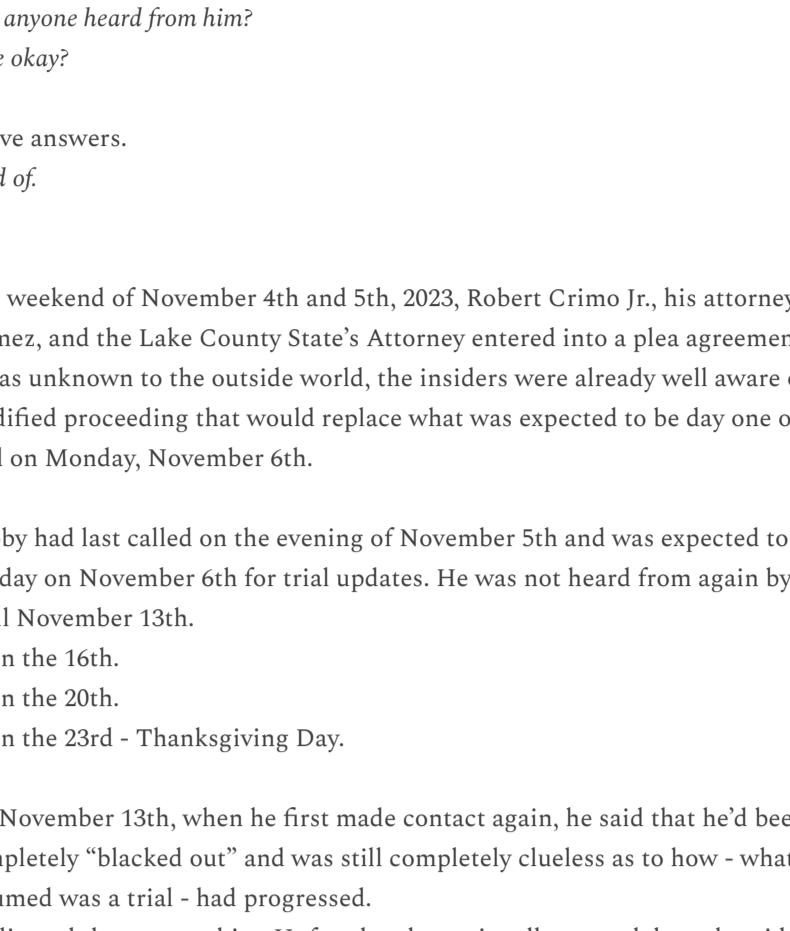


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Where is Bobby?
What is going on in LCSO?

Has anyone heard from him?
Is he okay?

I have answers.
Kind of.

The weekend of November 4th and 5th, 2023, Robert Crimo Jr., his attorney George Gomez, and the Lake County State's Attorney entered into a plea agreement. Though it was unknown to the outside world, the insiders were already well aware of the modified proceeding that would replace what was expected to be day one of Crimo Jr.'s trial on Monday, November 6th.

Bobby had last called on the evening of November 5th and was expected to call during the day on November 6th for trial updates. He was not heard from again by anyone until November 13th.
Then the 16th.
Then the 20th.
Then the 23rd - Thanksgiving Day.

On November 13th, when he first made contact again, he said that he'd been completely "blacked out" and was still completely clueless as to how - what he still assumed was a trial - had progressed.
I delivered the news to him. Unbiased and emotionally neutral, he only said "okay."

He had been moved from his cell on the morning of November 6th by several corrections officers without explanation. When he finally made contact on the 13th he was barely lucid.
He would not expand on what he meant by having been "blacked out" and if he'd meant it literally, figuratively, or both.

On the 16th, and again on the 20th, the phone rang before 9:00am - which has never previously happened since he'd been taken into custody. At least not with me.

He was still being kept in a separate location and had not returned to his cell. His tablet, phone access, and commissary privileges had all been revoked. He had no idea what time of day it was, and assuming it was evening, during both calls, ended with his usual "goodnight, sweet dreams" before hanging up - at approximately 10:15am.

On the 23rd (Thanksgiving) he called during the evening but, again, had no concept of time. He was entirely unaware that it was Thanksgiving at all.

He described that he was using a wall mounted phone in lieu of his tablet and that all he could see near him was a 2-1 Power Tower type of exercise equipment used for the dual purpose of pull-ups and tricep dips (plus abdominal crunches if you're froggy like me).

Again, he was not fully lucid - but was more so than before - but still seemed groggy. Medicated, even. He called to ask about his father's well-being and if any new-news had been received. He was aware that his father had already begun his jail sentence; he'd remembered that from our previous calls.
I had no news to report.

ALLEGATIONS FROM INSIDE LCSO

For all of 2023, Confidential Human Sources inside Lake County Adult Corrections have alleged a CVS review of accusations against the corrections staff.

Many of those accusations are reported to be prevalent on the third floor where administrative segregation cells in addition to isolation and "protective custody" inmates are housed.

According to even the March 2022 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit of Lake County jail, it is these very isolated cells in which inmate abuse is the most likely to occur.

Confidential Human Sources have reported everything from mentally ill, physically disabled, and older inmates being *hoisted down in their beds and stripped naked*, to physical abuse, excessive force, hate speech, pervasive use of the words "faggot," "tranny," and "he/she," to needless body cavity searches, use of restraints, and various forms of both psychological and physical torment.

They report having their property, including their family photos and letters taken by officers and used as "bait" to enact psychological abuse.

They report having had their Bibles and letters from family ripped to pieces in front of them; others report having letters from their wives taken and memorized by officers, only to be later recited with malignant enjoyment.

They report a group (referred to as the "gang") of fifteen-twenty officers that appear to be personally close-knit, frequently prowling the pods and visiting isolation cells in groups.

They report officers turning off body worn cameras or taking them off altogether before barging into cells, in addition to guiding inmates to "blind spots" within the pods.

They report being starved and sleep deprived.

They report filthy living conditions and having an infestation of rodents.

They report receiving body cavity searches frequently, with no verifiable reason to require them and no medical staff performing them.

They report having their cells injected with pepper spray and tear gas while officers laugh from the other side.

They report being restrained and forcibly sedated when they react to the abuse.

They report being beaten, tased, pepper sprayed, and choked.

They report having their mail kept from them completely.

They report that the paper requests they are asked to write before filing an inmate grievance are either rewritten by staff or thrown away entirely, and that they receive constant, aggressive retaliation for writing them even when the requests are as simple as asking for food or a blanket or warm clothing during the winter.

They report inadequate clothing and lack of access to basic hygiene items.

They report being exposed to freezing temperatures in the winters and having inadequate clothing for warmth.

They report being charged \$10 copays for requests for medical assistance whether any treatment is received - even though the passing of House Bill 2945 in 2018 eradicated medical copays for incarcerated individuals. Copays that were previously mandated at \$5 - not \$10.

They report food rations so subpar that they cannot sustain an adult human, and that often food is served cold or undercooked, frozen items such as chicken patties being frozen in the center, and that meals often arrive on trays that are unclean and moldy.

They report not being referred to by their names but by the heinous and hateful nicknames given by the officers.

They report a staffing shortage so severe that they are often left in their cells for days at a time without receiving their mandated *Hours Out* for exercise.

And, most disturbingly, they report being sexually assaulted on a frequent basis.

They report groups of male officers, led by two female sergeants, assaulting them in groups while screaming "FAGGOT" at them.

When writing grievances for the assaults, they reportedly are punished - most often by revocation of telephone and commissary privileges for extended lengths of time.

And they report that the grievances are delayed by staff before they ever go anywhere, making civil litigation on their behalf all but impossible.

A Confidential Human Source reported that a group of officers had indeed arrived in the pod where Bobby Crimo was housed on November 6th, and that when they forcibly extracted him from his bed and cell had dislocated his shoulder.

In response to the pain Bobby allegedly shouted an expletive and was subsequently placed on punishment - on paper - for having used profanity.

He was removed from his cell, pod, and floor, and had all privileges again revoked including access to his tablet or commissary items.

In each of the four calls following this incident he was described how badly he was starving.

According to the same PREA audit, the second floor of the facility consists of central control, commissary, library, barber shop, classrooms, jail administration, staff gymnasium, correctional emergency response team and the medical services unit, which contains eight single medical observation cells, separated into three distinct units.

The Correctional Emergency Response Team, or the CRTs, are the officers seen in courtroom photos, wearing green, escorting Bobby Crimo to and from the courtroom.



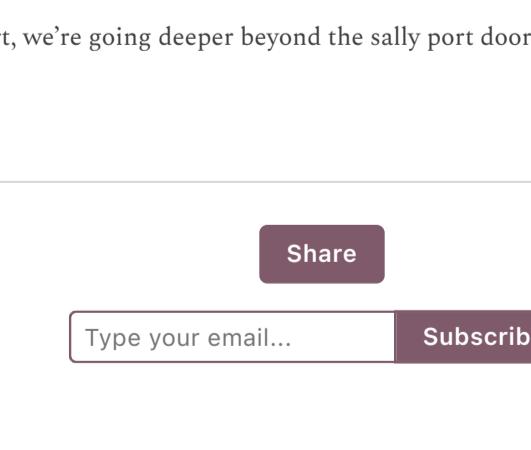
January 31st 2023 - Sgt. Scott Miller (right) minus a body worn camera

Furthermore, they have been photographed by courtroom photographers in uniform, on duty, without their legally required body worn cameras on more than one occasion, lending credibility to the claims from inside the jail that officers often remove their cameras or turn them off before engaging in their abuse. Allegedly.

Recalling the Power Tower Bobby referenced in the Thanksgiving call, it's my belief he's being housed now on the second floor where the staff gym is located in addition to the CRT team room and medical observation cells.

Because of his lack of concept of time in any of the four calls after November 6th, and his apparent foginess, it is my belief he was placed in medical observation and forcibly medicated.

This is not the first time this has happened.



In January, Bobby appeared in court struggling to keep his eyes focused and looking heavily sedated

It is also my belief that this is where he will remain until his father has been released from custody, at the very minimum.

But... why?
Because he used a four-letter word after having his arm pulled from its socket?

And what was the purpose of the "gang" removing him to begin with? Other than the coincidence of his father being in court and the expectation of him arriving into custody that day.

The actions of the officers preclude the formal on paper punishment for using profanity. That's important to highlight.

It is also my belief that being dragged and housed in such close proximity to the CRTs is a nefariously designed convenience posing as a coincidence.

Recall Deputy Chris Covell's own words in response to the release of Bobby's X123 lead sheet.

We only take the state's attorney's office with all of the information we have on this inmate, as with any other inmate.

Pre-trial detainees are afforded rights under the constitution and state law. The inmate in this case is charged with incredibly heinous, horrific, and inexcusable acts, but he has not yet been convicted. Therefore, he is afforded use of the phone/video visitation, as any other pre-trial detainee.

Are they supplying the State's Attorney's office with the misconduct allegations as well? Or are we ignoring those pesky details?

In 2015, a US Supreme Court ruling strengthened the rights extended to pretrial detainees - most notably the protections against cruel and unusual punishment of the *Guantanamo* - and reinforced the policy outlining that anyone confined to pretrial detention is still presumed innocent under the law and is required to be protected as such.

Prisoners awaiting trial around the world are often exposed to the risk of violence - including from interrogators seeking to force a confession; from guards seeking to enforce discipline; or from potentially aggressive fellow prisoners."

For many, this has never been applicable in the Lake County Jail.

For Robert Crimo III - a target had been placed on him by corrections officers before he was delivered into their hands.

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